

CALFED OPERATIONS MEETING NOTES
Wednesday, April 25 , 2012
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

SWRCB Update (P. Fernandez)

None provided

Fisheries Update

Chinook Salmon, Steelhead and Green Sturgeon (B. Oppenheim) –

Winter-run – Approx. 2000 taken to date, “take” has dropped recently, currently at approx. 50% of authorized yearly take limit.

Spring-Run – No report.

Steelhead – The year to date combined salvage of unclipped (wild) steelhead at the Delta pumps is 315 juveniles, well below the incidental take limit of 3,000 juveniles.

Green sturgeon – No green sturgeon observed at the salvage facilities to date, but expect to see some this summer.

Delta smelt – Some evidence of salvage, 203 adult Delta smelt observed at salvage facilities so far. Allowable take limit for year is about 19,000 larvae. Current measured take of larvae is about 2,000. One more Spring Kodiak Trawl scheduled.

DOSS – Most of the recent discussions have been about implementing the stipulation in April. Yesterday, DOSS met and discussed the most recent proposal made by the water contractors in response to the trigger at Railroad Cut being met; to stay at 1500 cfs export through Thursday (tomorrow) , then go back to 1:1 (export to Vernalis flow ratio) for remainder of month. DOSS conclusion was to remain at 1500 cfs export to May 1.

SOG (B. Byrne) – Met last Tuesday to discuss three items: 1) Implement the B/N year type schedule for flows below Goodwin Dam, to stay at 1500 cfs till May 14. 2) water temperature at Knight’s Ferry is rising, the 52 degree objective intended to be met until the end of May has already been exceeded. 3) 295 chinook salmon have been observed at the Rotary Screw Traps at Caswell.

Water Project Operations

CVP – Keswick @ 6000 cfs; Nimbus @ 5000 cfs; Goodwin @ 1500 cfs , Jones PP @ 800 cfs and Fed share San Luis @ 752 TAF

SWP – Oroville @1350 cfs, Banks PP@ 700 cfs and State share San Luis @ 961 TAF

Delta – Freeport approx. 22,000 cfs, Vernalis approx. 2500 cfs, Delta Outflow approx. 20,000 cfs.